

MILPERSMAN 1306-982

ASSIGNMENT OF NUCLEAR TRAINED MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS (MCPOS) AS REACTOR DEPARTMENT MASTER CHIEF (RDMC)/ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT MASTER CHIEF (EDMC) IN CVN 65

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References	(a) NAVSEA S9213-41-MAN-000/(R), Engineering Department Manual for Nuclear Power Plants (EDM) (b) NAVPERS 18068F, Manual of Navy Enlisted Manpower and Personnel Classifications and Occupational Standards, Volume II, Navy Enlisted Classifications (NECs)
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1. Background

a. The Reactor Department Master Chief (RDMC) (including the Engineering Department Master Chief (EDMC) in CVN 65) is key to the success of nuclear powered aircraft carriers. Per reference (a), the RDMC is responsible to the Reactor/Engineer Officer for the performance of his/her department. RDMCs must uphold the highest standards of professionalism and enhance communication at all levels of the department and command. They participate in the formulation and implementation of policies concerning training, operations, discipline, utilization, morale, and welfare of department personnel.

b. Tour lengths will normally be 36 months.

2. Requirements/Qualification

a. Applicants shall have successfully completed or be currently serving as the following:

(1) **Leading Chief Petty Officer (LCPO)** of Electrical, Mechanical, Reactor Controls, Reactor Electrical, Reactor Mechanical, or Reactor Laboratory Division; or

(2) **Reactor Training Division Officer.**

b. Normally applicants will not be considered for an RDMC/EDMC position at their current command. On a case-by-case basis, a candidate currently onboard may be considered. In these cases a 2-year minimum tour after relief is required.

c. If feasible, be a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) (accomplishment in route to the RDMC assignment is acceptable).

d. Applicants shall have an outstanding performance record with fitness report performance trait marks not lower than 3.0 in any area for the past 3 years.

e. Applicants will have successfully completed the previous three Physical Fitness Assessments (PFAs) and present a sharp military appearance and demeanor, and possess irreproachable military bearing.

3. Requests for Assignment

a. Requests for assignment as RDMC should be submitted via NAVPERS 1306/7 (Rev. 1-03), Enlisted Personnel Action Request, and signed by the commanding officer (CO). Requests should be sent as applicable:

To: Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM)
Surface Nuclear Chief Petty Officer Detailer (PERS-403CJ)

Via: Commander Naval Air Forces (COMNAVAIRFOR)
Force or Deputy Force Nuclear Propulsion Officer (N9)

b. Applicants will include the following:

(1) CO's recommendation stating qualifications for assignment as RDMC/EDMC, and duty history. Waivers for prerequisites and selection requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis. CO's endorsement must include recommendation for waiver of prerequisites or requirements, if applicable.

(2) Evaluation/fitness reports covering at least the last 5 years.

4. Selection and Assignment

a. COMNAVAIRFOR (N9) will review all requests for assignment as an RDMC, and forward all recommendations to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-403CJ).

b. NAVPERSCOM (PERS-403CJ) will forward to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (MPT&E), Nuclear Enlisted Program Manager (OPNAV (N133D)) for final approval. Upon approval, OPNAV (N133D) will assign the 3301 Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) code per reference (b).

c. If feasible and the candidate has not previously completed the SEA, the selected candidate will be ordered to RDMC/EDMC assignment via the SEA.

5. Screening Panel

a. In unusual circumstances, if there are insufficient qualified applications for selection, COMNAVAIRFOR (N9) will convene a screening panel to select the best qualified candidates from available individuals rotating to sea duty.

b. The panel will include a Senior Enlisted Advisor from the respective

- COMNAVAIRFOR (N9) staff,
- NAVPERSCOM (PERS-403CJ), and
- Office of Chief of Naval Operations, Nuclear Enlisted Program Manager's Quality Control Advisor (OPNAV (N133D2)).

c. The panel recommendation will be forwarded to COMNAVAIRFOR (N9) for routing per paragraph 4.